

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the application.
Claims 1-25 were rejected.
Claim 1 is amended.
Claim 3 is cancelled.

Claim Rejections

Claims 3-6, 8-9 and 12-25 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fatehi et al. (US 5,959,767) in view of Pangrac et al. (US 2001/0030785 A1). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 3 and Claim 3 has been canceled.

All of the claims that are currently pending include the Pangrac reference as a component of the rejections. Applicants have included herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 which effectively predates and disposes of the Pangrac reference. Accordingly, all of the pending rejections are overcome by the disqualification of the Pangrac reference.

Based on the amendments to the claims and the remarks made herein, applicants submit that the claims as contained in the application are believed to be allowable.

Summary

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims are now in condition for allowance and reconsideration is requested. If

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the Examiner believes that prosecution would be expedited by direct discussion, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcomed.

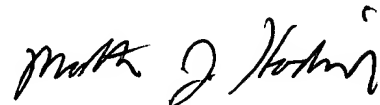
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